

REMARKS

By this amendment claims 52, 104 and 118 have been amended; and claims 111, 117, 130 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-110, 112-116, and 118-129 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-51, 67-103, 109, 110 and 112-116 are allowed.

Reconsideration and allowance of all of the currently pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 52-66 and 111

Claims 52-64 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Christensen *et al.* in view of the Applicants' admitted prior art. Claims 65 and 66 were objected to by the Examiner as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s).

Applicants take no position in respect of the Examiner's rejection at this time. Applicants will consider the Examiner's rejection, and reply thereto in a continuing application.

Applicants simply have taken the most expedient and economically efficient route of advancing the prosecution of the present application by taking the allowed and allowable subject matter. Specifically, claim 52 has been amended to incorporate therein the limitations of (objected to) claim 111 (previously dependent therefrom); and claim 111 has been cancelled. Claims 52 and claims 53-66 dependent therefrom should now be allowable.

No surrender of subject matter was intended by the Applicants in adopting their present course of action, and none should be inferred.

Claims 104-108 and 117

Claim 104 was rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Christensen *et al.* in view of the Applicants' admitted prior art. Claims

105-108 and 117 were objected to by the Examiner as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s).

Applicants take no position in respect of the Examiner's rejection at this time. Applicants will consider the Examiner's rejection, and reply thereto in a continuing application.

Applicants simply have taken the most expedient and economically efficient route of advancing the prosecution of the present application by taking the allowed and allowable subject matter. Specifically, claim 104 has been amended to incorporate therein the limitation of (objected to) claim 117 (previously dependent therefrom); and claim 117 has been cancelled. Claims 104 and claims 105-108 dependent therefrom should now be allowable.

No surrender of subject matter was intended by the Applicants in adopting their present course of action, and none should be inferred.

Claims 118-130

Claim 118 was rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Christensen *et al.* Claims 119-130 were objected to by the Examiner as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s).

Applicants take no position in respect of the Examiner's rejection at this time. Applicants will consider the Examiner's rejection, and reply thereto in a continuing application.

Applicants simply have taken the most expedient and economically efficient route of advancing the prosecution of the present application by taking the allowed and allowable subject matter. Specifically, claim 118 has been amended to incorporate therein the limitation of (objected to) claim 130 (previously dependent therefrom); and claim 130 has been cancelled. Claims 119-129 dependent therefrom should now be allowable.

No surrender of subject matter was intended by the Applicants in adopting their present course of action, and none should be inferred.

In view of the above remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the currently pending claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in a better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

No fees are believed to be necessary in connection with the filing of the present reply. However, in case of any fee should be necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account number 502977.

Respectfully submitted,

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